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Response Dated: 01/19/2006
Title: Apparatus For Tightening Threaded Member

App. No.: 10/525,656
Inventor: Shuji Sasaki
Examiner: Shantese McDonald

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates indication by the Examiner that claims 5 and 6 are allowable as written. The Examiner also indicated that claims 3 and 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has rewritten claims 3 and 4 as new claims 7 and 9, respectively. New claims 7 and 9 include all of the limitations of base claim 1.

In the Claims:

Claims 5-10 are now pending in the present application. Claims 1-4 have been canceled. Claims 7-10 have been added. New claims 7 and 9 represent rewritten claims 3 and 4, respectively. New claims 8 and 10 depend from claims 7 and 9, respectively, and represent the subject matter originally found in claim 2.

Rejection of Claims 1 and 2 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Pagano (US 3,969,810). Applicant has canceled claims 1 and 2, therefore the Examiner's § 102(b) rejection relating thereto is now moot.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has canceled claims 1-4, and has added new claims 7-10. Pending claims 5-6 have been allowed by the Examiner. Pending claims 7 and 9 are written in a form indicated by the Examiner as being allowable. The remaining claims (8 and 10)

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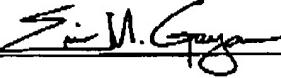
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depend from allowable base claims and, therefore, are allowable as well. No new material has been added.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly requested. Telephone inquiry to the undersigned in order to clarify or otherwise expedite prosecution of the present application is respectfully encouraged.

Respectfully submitted,

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